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TAGS: PFOR PARM MNUC IAEA SALT MILI UR US XF XJ XM XB

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - JAN 6

1. U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN LEVEL AND TONE WITH
EMPHASIS ON LEADERSHIP CHANGES. INCOMING ADMINISTRA-
TION GETS GOOD PRESS; OLD STANDBYS AMONG "HAWKS" GET
BAD PRESS. NEGATIVE TREATMENT CURTAILED, BUT NOT

MISSING.

--ALL CENTRAL PRESS CARRY TASS WASHINGTON REPORT OF MEETING OF KISSINGER, VANCE AND DOBRYNIN TO DISCUSS SUMMIT LEVEL DISCUSSIONS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF NEW SALT AGREEMENT. VANCE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE SHOULD BE (DOLZHNA BYT') MEETING AT SUMMIT AND THAT HE WILL TAKE PERSONAL PART IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS.

--IZVESTIYA HAS LONG WRAP-UP ON NEW CABINET BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT YU. BARSUKOV. HE WRITES OF LEADERS OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AND "REACTIONARY TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP" THAT PUSHED FOR SCHLESINGER, THE PROPONENT OF CONTINUING ARMS RACE AND INCREASING MILITARY SPENDING, FOR SECDEF AGAINST OPPOSITION OF "LIBERAL WING OF DEMOCRATS" WITH LATTER WINNING WHEN CARTER NAMED HAROLD BROWN WHO IS "MORE MODERATE" ON QUESTION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

--CARTER DECISION ON ELIMINATING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF NEW OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC DECLARATIONS ON FINANCES REPORTED IN PRAVDA WITH NOTE THAT THIS IS CARTER EFFORT TO AVOID POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SCANDALS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT ELECTION OF SENATOR R. BYRD FROM VIRGINIA (SIC) AND SENATOR BAKER TO PARTY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN SENATE AND PRAVDA GOES ON TO RECORD "OBSERVERS'" OPINION THAT THERE WILL BE "GOOD RELATIONS" BETWEEN NEW ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS.

--KZ HAS TASS WASHINGTON PIECE THAT CLAIMS OLD "HAWKS" ARE CONDUCTING "CAMPAIGN" TO SABOTAGE GOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR, DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM SALT AND RAISE MILITARY BUDGET. "DIPLOMATIC OBSERVER, J. KRAFT" IS QUOTED THAT CAMPAIGN IS "BLACK-MAIL TO PREVENT THE BETTERING OF RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION." CAMPAIGN LEADERS ARE SECDEF RUMSFELD, CIA DIRECTOR BUSH, GEN. KEEGAN, FORMER AMBASSADOR KOHLER, E. ROSTOW, AND P. NITZE. NEVERTHELESS, ARTICLE NOTES THAT "THE EFFORTS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO DEVELOP SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE FINDING A POSITIVE RESPONSE IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION."

--PRAVDA FRONT PAGES SHORT TASS NEW YORK ITEM ON AUTO INDUSTRY LAYOFFS.

AAKZ HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY L. MIRONOV ON PENTAGON PLANS FOR USING MASIRAH ISLAND AS A MILITARY BASE, THUS COMPLETING A CHAIN OF BASES RUNNING FROM JAPAN THROUGH PHILIPPINES AND DIEGO GARCIA. PENTAGON EFFORTS TO PENETRATE PERSIAN GULF ZONE AND TO ARM STATES OF REGION REPRESENT A CLEAR THREAT TO INDEPENDENT AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF COUNTRIES OF

PERSIAN GULF, SAYS AUTHOR.

--KZ REPORTS ON BROOKINGS INSTITUTE STUDY THAT, ACCORDING TO TASS WASHINGTON, SHOWS AMERICAN MILITARY AID SINCE WWII INCREASING ENORMOUSLY AND BEING USED FOR "POLITICAL EFFECT." STUDY REPORTEDLY NOTES 33 TIMES DURING PERIOD THAT U.S. USED NUCLEAR ROCKET TO "BLACKMAIL" OTHERS AND CASES OF "DEMONSTRATIONS OF FORCE" DESPITE EVIDENT RISKS OF SUCH POLICIES. TO JUDGE BY KZ ARTICLE, SOVIET UNION WAS NOT MENTIONED IN BROOKINGS REPORT.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--PRAVDA PARIS CORRESPONDENT YU. KHARLANOV WRITES CRITICAL ARTICLE ON FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY. FOR STRONGEST COMMENT HE CITES L'HUMANITE OF JAN 4 THAT CONTINUED NON-PARTICIPATION OFFRANCE IN NPT IS HARD TO EXPLAIN, EXCEPT AS AN ATTEMPT TO "KEEP ITS HANDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREE" AND TO SELL, AT HIGH PROFIT, MACHINERY WHICH IS DANGEROUS TO PEACE.

--UNDER SAME EADLINE V. MIKHAYLOV COMMENTS FROM BONN ON FRG-BRAZIL DEAL TO BUILD NUCLEAR FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY REPROCESSING PLANT, IN BRAZIL. DESPITE FRG ASSURANCES THAT SAFEGUARDS ARE "STRICTER" THAN NPT AND IAEA REQUIREMENTS, MIKHAYLOV CITES SPEEL STORY THAT IAEA INSPECTORS DO NOT CONSIDER CONTROLS AGREED ON BY FRG AND BRAZIL TO BE SUFFICIENT. THUS, AUTHOR WRITES, ONE CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT FACILITIES WOULD BE USED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SINCE BRAZIL NOT NPT STATE. STORY ALSO NOTES IN PASSING THAT U.S. UNWILLINGNESS TO SELL REPROCESSING FACILITY GAVE BRAZIL DEAL TO FRG.
--KZ PRINTS SHORT CALE FROM MARSHAL USTINOV TO IRAQI MIN DEF AL-BAKR ON IRAQI ARMY DAY.

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OF ISRAELI SITUATION. IZVESTIYA AND KZ NOTE ISRAELI
CENTRAL STATISTICAL BUREAU REPORT THAT 15,000 ISRAELIS
"ABANDONED" ISRAEL IN 1976. "PRESS-SERVICE" IZVESTIYA
WRITES THAT RECENT SUICIDE OF ISRAELI HOUSING MINISTER
IS INDICATIVE OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND CORRUPTION AMONG ISRAELI
RULING CIRCLES. KZ HAS TASS NY ARTICLE REPORTING TIME
MAGAZINE PIECE ON ECONOMIC "CHAOS" PREVAILING IN ISRAEL.
--V. KOROVNIKOV, PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
IN ADDIS ABABA, WRITES A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON FUNDAMENTAL,
PROGRESSIVE CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN ETHIOPIA. HE
DESCRIBES COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY BY VARIOUS
OPPONENTS OF REGIME, NOTES "DECISIVE ROLE" OF DETACHMENTS
OF PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE (MILITSIYA) AND CONCLUDES BY
LAUDING "SERIOUS" CHANGES IN ETHIOPIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

COURSE--EXAMPLIFIED BY RECENT AAPSO MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA AND BY GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN ETHIOPIA, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND SOVIET UNION.

--KZ HAS TASS FREETOWN ARTICLE CITING SWAPO SPOKESMAN TIMOTHY ISHONGO ON SWAPO CONDITIONS FOR TALKS WITH S. AFRICAN AUTHORITIES OVER NAMIBIA. CONDITIONS INCLUDE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS OF RACIST REGIME FROM TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA AND LIBERATION OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS PANAMA ARTICLE ON STATEMENT BY PEOPLE'S PARTY OF PANAMA WHICH DECLARED THAT GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC MEASURES SHOULD BE AT EXPENSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BIG CAPITAL RATHER THAN AT EXPENSE OF WORKERS. STATEMENT ALSO DECRIED PROVOCATIVE ACTS OF OLIGARCHY AND IMPERIALISTS WHICH ATTEMPT TO "UNDERMINE PRESTIGE" OF TORRIJOS GOVERNMENT. IZVESTIYA HAS CAPTIONED PICTURE ON ANTI-U.S. THEME OF PANAMANIAN "WEEK OF DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY".

--BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ NOTE ARREST OF NUMBER OF ARGENTINE COMMUNISTS IN BUENOS AIRES.

--PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS PEKING ARTICLE ON PRC FONOFF DENIAL OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS OF DISTURBANCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NUMBER OF CHINESE PROVINCES.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IN VIENTIANE BY M. IL'INSKIY WITH LAOTIAN PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVANG WHO DECLARES THAT SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN LAOS IS TAKING PLACE UNDER "DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED CONDITIONS." "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, ULTRA-RIGHT THAI REACTIONARIES, AND LAO EMIGRE-FEUDALISTS" HAVE TRIED THROUGH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AND ECONOMIC BLOCKADE TO HARM LAOS, BUT TO NO AVAIL, HE SAYS. HE CONCLUDES BY NOTING SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT OF APRIL 22, 1976.
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